सुपर बाजार की आरक्षित पूंजी में वृद्धि

42. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सुपर बाजार में किए जा रहे अत्यधिक पूंजी निवेश के परिणामस्वरूप इसकी आरक्षित पूंजी में वृद्धि हो रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सुपर बाजार में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्ष-वार कुल कितनी पूंजी निवेश किया गया है;

(ग) इसके परिणामस्वरूप कुल कितना घाटा हुआ;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने अत्याधिक पूंजी निवेश के कारण घाटे में चल रहे सुपर बाजार के कार्यकरण की समीक्षा की है या करने का प्रस्ताव किया है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह): (क) और (ख) गत तीन वर्षों के लिए सरकार द्वारा किए गए शेयर पूंजी अंशदान तथा सुपर-बाजार की सामान्य आरक्षित निधि का ब्यौरा निम्नवत सूचित किया गया है:

वर्ष	शेयर पूंजी	सामान्य आरक्षित निधि
1991-92	60.00 लाख रुपए	02.02 लाख रुपए
1992-93	12.00 लाख रुपए	04.73 लाख रुपए
1993-94	0.00 लाख रुपए	95.14 लाख रुपए

सुपर बाजार की सामान्य आरक्षित निधि में, निवल लाभ के 25% का आरक्षित निधि में सांविधिक अन्तरण करने के कारण वृद्धि हो रही है। आरक्षित निधि का निवेश सहकारी बैंकों में आवधिक जमा के रुप में किया गया है।

(ग) कोई घाटा नहीं हुआ है।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

Visit of High Level Delegation From Morocco

43. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level delegation from Morocco led by its Commerce, Industry, and Handicrafts Minister met the Commerce Minister at Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what was the outcome of the discussions held;

(c) whether any agreement had been signed between the two countries to boost up trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The discussions were held in the context of the second meeting of the Indo-Morocco Joint Commission, from June 26-27, 1995. The Points of mutual understanding and agreement reached in the Joint Commission meeting are reflected in the Agreed Minutes.

(c) No separate agreement was signed, but the Joint Commission's discussions and the Agreed Minutes aimed, inter-alia, at measures to boost up trade.

(d) Both sides agreed with the need for further enhancement and diversification of the bilateral trade, particularly specific measures aimed at Promotion of Morocco's import form India. In this context, several items with potential were identified for trade promotion measures, including tea, drugs & pharmaceuticals tobacco, and several other specified items for Morocco's increased imports from India. Both sides emphasised the need, in the current context, for promotion and enhancement of direct business level in-

teraction between the two countries, and identifed several specific measures for this. A proposal for organising an exclusive Indian expo in Morocco was initiated.

Demand of Coal by 2000 A.D.

44. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate demand of coal in the country by 2000 A.D. and the projections made till then;

(b) whether there is a need to increase the production of coal during that period; and

(c) if so, the details of proposal mooted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Planning Commission has assessed the demand of coal at 311 million tonnes by the terminal year of 8th Five Year Plan (1996-97). No firm projections are available beyond terminal year of 8th Five Year Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Steps taken to meet the demand of coal in the country, inter-alia, include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technology, ensuring timely availability of inputs and infrastructural facilities, better capacity utilisation and maintaining good industrial relations.

In addition, Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 has been amended to allow parivate sector participation in coal mining. This amendment enables companies engaged in power generation, and such other end uses as may be notified by Govt. from time to time, to carry out coal mining. This is in addition to the existing provision enabling companies engaged in the production of iron and steel to carry out coal mining.

Theft of coal in Western Coalfields

45. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale thefts of coal during transportation of coal, in the Western Coalfields;

(b) whether Government are aware of the modus operandi of these thefts;

(c) whether Government are aware that the coal transporters have become "overnight millionaires" since the time they have contracted coal transport contracts with the Western Coalfields;

(d) whether Government propose to ask the Income Tax Department to make a survey of the coal transport contractors to check coal theft; and

(e) the steps being taken to prevent coal transportation thefts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) No case of large scale theft of coal during transportation of coal in Western Coalfields Limited has come to the notice of Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Steps for checking such thefts have to be taken by the carriers, i.e. Railways/ transport companies etc. WCL on their part have deployed adequate staff to prevent thefts in transportation from pitheads to Railway sidings.

Setting up of Joint Business Commission by India and Oman

46. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Oman have agreed to set up a Joint Business Commission to provide a forum for exchange of